

LIBRARY NOTES

REPRINTS RECEIVED

In the year 1924 before we moved from 43rd Street, 6,422 reprints and pamphlets were cataloged. After this, fewer were done for some years except those from magazines we did not take or those which carried a new term in their titles. In 1929 we received 26,878 reprints, and after a period of trial, we reckoned that it would cost \$6,000.00 to catalog them all. The Library Committee determined in 1931 merely to file reprints away by author without cataloging (for they are indexed by author and subject in the *Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus*) and to use them when possible, especially for lending purposes.

In 1931, 18,950 were filed in this way, but only about one a day was used. It cost about \$1,200.00 to do this filing. Also in the year 1931, 1,636 pamphlets and reprints from magazines we do not take, were cataloged. We were getting cramped for room in the pamphlet boxes so a stop had to be called in January 1932. The Library Committee has decided that at the present time it is too costly in money and space to attempt to catalog or keep all the reprints given to us each year. The Committee thinks it is wiser to spend money cataloging material which is not indexed already in the *Quarterly Cumulative Index Medicus*, such as articles in the systems of medicine, etc., medical theses, and some papers in certain magazines not included in the *Index*.

Fellows of the Academy, however, are informed that if they wish their reprints filed away by author they should send them to the Academy requesting that be done.